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In re Application of:

Yurimichi DAIROKU et al.

Serial No.: 09/917,642

Filed: July 31, 2001

For: WATER-ABSORBENT, HYDROPOLYMER,  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THEM,  
AND USES OF THEM

Group Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: K. Egwin

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the March 10, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.